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2018**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to thank all our customers, consignors, bidders and interested parties for a successful year 2017 and wish you health, joy and success in the New Year.





FIP Board meeting at BRASILIA 2017 on October 30th, 2017

f.l.: Mr. Aldo Samamé y Samamé, Dr. Prakob Chirakiti, Mr. Tay Peng Hian, Mr Reinaldo E. Macedo, Mr. Bernard Jimenez, Mr. Bernard Beston, Mr. Yigal Nathaniel

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Exhibitions under FIP Patronage 2018-2020

Exhibition Name	ISRAEL 2018	PRAGA 2018	THAILAND 2018	CHINA 2019*	MALAYSIA 2020*
Venue	Jerusalem, Israel	Prague, Czech Republic	Bangkok, Thailand	Beijing, China	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Date	27.-31.05.2018	15.-18.08.18	28.11.-03.12.2018	June 2019	Nov/Dec 2020
Category	World Stamp Championship	Specialised World	General World	General World	to be advised
Competitive Classes	World Stamp Championship, Traditional Philately, Postal History, Modern Philately (TR & PH) and Philatelic Literature	Traditional Philately, Postal History, Philatelic Literature, Revenues, One-Frame (TR, PH, RE), Modern Philately (21st century), Open Philately	all classes	all classes	to be advised
Total frames	ca 1 000	ca 1 500	ca 2 500	to be advised	to be advised
Frame fee	US\$ 80	€ 70	US\$ 75	to be advised	to be advised
Frame fee for Youth Class / per exhibit	/	/	Nil	to be advised	to be advised
Frame fee for One-Frame Exhibit	/	€ 110	US\$ 100	to be advised	to be advised
Frame Fee for Literature (per exhibit)	US\$ 80	€ 75	US\$ 90	to be advised	to be advised
Deadline Entries	15/11/2017	15/11/2017	15/03/2018	to be advised	to be advised
Deadline Acceptance	15/01/2018	20/02/2018	30/05/2018	to be advised	to be advised
Deadline Payment	15/02/2018	15/04/2018	28/08/2018	to be advised	to be advised
Website	wscisrael2018.blogspot.sg	www.praga2018.cz	www.thailand2018.org	to be advised	to be advised
Consultant	Prakob Chirakiti	Bernard Jimenez	Tay Peng Hian	Tay Peng Hian	to be advised
Commissioner General	Tibi Yaniv	Jiri Sedláč	Charnchai Karnasuta	to be advised	to be advised
Congress			75th FIP Congress		

I am pleased to report that during the second half of 2017, two FIP Specialized World Stamp exhibitions under FIP Patronage had taken place, namely, BANDUNG 2017 which was held from August 3 - 7, as well as BRASILIA 2017, from October 24 - 29. On behalf of the FIP Board, I would like to congratulate the respective organizing committees for their success in holding these well-received exhibitions, despite all the challenges that they had faced.

In BANDUNG 2017, the FIP Board initiated a trial to subsidise a portion of the costs of the Palmares tickets for up to 50 exhibitors and it was very well received. We look forward to providing the same subsidy again via future exhibition organisers who are keen to offer this to their exhibitors.

During BRASILIA 2017, the FIP Board also conducted two joint meetings on October 29 - the first one with the Presidents of the three continental Associate Members, and another meeting with the Chairmen and Secretaries of the FIP Commissions. A cocktail reception following the meetings was hosted by FIP in honour of all delegates present to facilitate more interaction and exchange of ideas, including how philately could be further promoted, especially amongst the youths. The FIP Board truly appreciates everyone's dedicated involvement and contributions.

Together with our member federations and Commissions, we are looking forward to the exciting plans and progress that shall be taking place in the upcoming years and these shall be further reported.

The FIP Board is also pleased to announce that the soft copies of FLASH as well as the Palmares results of FIP world exhibitions, starting from BANDUNG 2017, can be downloaded from the FIP website. All information regarding FIP Grand Prix Awards can also be found at this comprehensive website www.grandprixclub.net. In case some members are still not aware, the links to the websites of the FIP Commissions can be found at www.f-i-p.ch/fip-organisation/commissions-sections.

Coming up in 2018, there shall be three exhibitions under FIP Patronage, namely the ISRAEL 2018 World Stamp Championship exhibition (May 27 - 31), PRAGA 2018 Specialized World Stamp Exhibition (August 15 - 18) and THAILAND 2018 General World Stamp exhibition (November 28 - December 3), during which the 75th FIP Congress shall also be held on December 2.

I trust that 2018 shall be a very exciting and rewarding year ahead for all and I am looking forward to seeing everyone again.



Tay Peng Hian, RDP, AMN
President, FIP

Me complace informarles que en la segunda mitad del 2017 se realizaron dos exposiciones especializadas mundiales bajo el patrocinio FIP, estas fueron, BANDUNG 2017 que se llevó a cabo del 3 al 7 de Agosto, así como BRASILIA 2017 del 24 al 29 de Octubre. En nombre del Consejo Directivo FIP, me gustaría felicitar a los respectivos comités organizadores por su éxito en la celebración de estas bien recibidas exposiciones, a pesar de todos los desafíos que enfrentaron.

En BANDUNG 2017 el Consejo Directivo FIP inició una prueba para subsidiar porción de los costos de los tickets del

Palmarés para hasta 50 expositores, lo que fue muy bien recibido. Esperamos ofrecer nuevamente el mismo subsidio a través de los organizadores de las exposiciones que deseen ofrecer esto a sus expositores.

Durante BRASILIA 2017 el Consejo Directivo FIP condujo el 29 de Octubre dos reuniones conjuntas, la primera con los Presidentes de los tres Miembros Asociados continentales, y otra reunión con los Presidentes y Secretarios de las Comisiones FIP. La FIP ofreció un cóctel luego de las reuniones en honor a todos los delegados presentes para facilitar más interacción e intercambio de ideas, incluida la forma en que la filatelia podría promoverse aún más, especialmente entre los jóvenes. El Consejo Directivo FIP aprecia realmente la participación y contribución ofrecida por todos.

Junto con nuestras federaciones miembro y Comisiones, esperamos con interés los emocionantes planes y progresos que se darán en los próximos años, los cuales se informarán con más detalle en el futuro.

El Consejo Directivo FIP también se complace en anunciar que el FLASH, así como los Palmarés de las exposiciones mundiales FIP, empezando con BANDUNG 2017, se pueden descargar del sitio web de la FIP. Toda la información relativa a los Grandes Premios FIP también se puede encontrar en el sitio web www.grandprixclub.net. En caso de que algunos miembros aún no estén al tanto, los enlaces a los sitios web de las Comisiones FIP se pueden encontrar en www.f-i-p.ch/fip-organisation/commissions-sections.

En el año 2018, habrán tres exposiciones bajo el Patrocinio FIP, a saber, el Campeonato Mundial ISRAEL 2018 (27 al 31 de mayo), la Exposición Mundial Especializada PRAGA 2018 (15 al 18 de agosto) y la Exposición Mundial TAILANDIA 2018 (noviembre 28 - 3 de diciembre), durante la cual se realizará el 75º Congreso FIP el 2 de Diciembre.

Considero que el 2018 será un año emocionante y gratificante para todos y espero volver a verlos a todos nuevamente.

Editorial

We wish all the Philatelists a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Year in 2018.

For this year we will have three FIP WSE; ISRAEL 2018 World Stamp Championship in Jerusalem in May, PRAGA 2018 Specialised World Stamp Exhibition in Prague in August and THAILAND 2018 General World Stamp Exhibition in Bangkok in November. We hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy these upcoming Exhibitions.

In this issue, we have the President's Page, the highlights of the FIP Board meeting in BANDUNG 2017 Specialised WSE and BRASILIA 2017 Specialised WSE, the update on the changes of the Federations, the sad news on the obituary of fellow Philatelists, the highlight of FIAP Congress in Bandung and FIAF Congress in Brasilia.

We would appreciate your comments, suggestions and advices on how to make Flash more interesting. Enjoy reading.

Deseamos a todos los filatelistas un Feliz, Saludable y Próspero año 2018.

Para este año tenemos exposiciones mundiales FIP, en Mayo el Campeonato Mundial ISRAEL 2018 en Jerusalén, en Agosto la Exposición Mundial Especializada PRAGA 2018 y la Exposición Mundial General TAILANDIA 2018 en Noviembre. Esperamos que puedan asistir y disfrutar de estas exposiciones.

En esta edición tenemos la Página del Presidente, los destacado de las reuniones FIP en Bandung 2017 y Brasilia 2017, las actualizaciones de las Federaciones miembro, los obituarios de los amigos filatelistas que nos dejaron, lo relevante del Congreso FIAP en Bandung y del Congreso FIAF en Brasilia.

Estaremos agradecidos de recibir sus comentarios, sugerencias y consejos en cómo hacer FLASH más interesante. Disfruten la lectura.

Highlights of the 112th FIP Board of Directors Meeting in Bandung, Indonesia on August 7th, 2017

FINANCES

The Secretary General circulated the financial reports as at December 31, 2016. FIP had a nett income of about 76,900 CHF. For year 2017, at June 30 FIP had a nett income of about 137,000 CHF.

JURY MATTERS

New jurors

The jurors served their apprenticeships successfully: Tan Eng Chuan, Singapore, and Ngoh See Jam, Malaysia, in Traditonal Philately; Kazuyuki Inoue, Japan, and Spas Panchev, Bulgaria, in Postal History; Roger Tan, Singapore, Luis Claudio Fritzen, Brazil, and Teguh Wira Adikusuma, Indonesia, in Thematic Philately.

Cross accreditations

Ross Wood, Australia, (Postal History), Harsono Suwito, Indonesia, (Postal Stationery), Aldo Samamé y Samamé, Peru, (Philatelic Literature) and Sunder Bahirwani, India, (Youth Philately).

Emeritus juror

Mr Gerhard Kraner, Switzerland, is now an Emeritus juror.

SEMINARS

Vice-President Beston reported that the meeting with the Commissions representatives in Finlandia 2017 was attended by all the Commissions except the Commissions for Youth Philately and Fight Against Forgeries. Two working groups were formed to report to FIP directly regarding the:

- 1) Reviewing the judging criterium of "Importance" - headed by Lars Engelbrecht, with Lars Peter Svendsen, Norman Banfield and Ralph Ebner.
- 2) Reviewing Ongoing Juror Education - headed by Lars Engelbrecht, with Lars Peter Svendsen, Gary Brown, Peter Suhaldoc, Charles Bromser, Bill Hedley.

EXHIBITIONS

ISRAEL 2018

The Board members approved the provisional FIP patronage to be granted to ISRAEL 2018, a five-day FIP World Stamp Championship exhibition to be held in Israel in May 2018. There shall be Traditional, Postal History, Modern and Literature classes. The FIP Consultant shall be Director Chirakiti.



f.l. Mr Bernard Beston, Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr Aldo Samamé y Samamé, Mr B. Jimenez, Dr Prakob Chirakiti, Mr Yigal Nathaniel

BRASILIA 2017

President Tay shall conduct a Fight Against Forgeries seminar together with Geoffrey Kellow (Australia). All Board members would attend the 50th FIAF Congress in BRASILIA 2017.

PRAGA 2018

Vice-President Jimenez updated that there would be 60 participating countries for PRAGA 2018.

THAILAND 2018

Director Chirakiti reported that due to the upcoming country elections in Malaysia, MALAYSIA 2018 had to be postponed to 2020 and the Philatelic Society of Malaysia would also apply to hold the 76th FIP Congress. The Philatelic Association of Thailand (PAT) would therefore like to apply for provisional FIP Patronage for THAILAND 2018 General World Stamp Exhibition in November - December of 2018, as well as to send in the official request to hold the 75th FIP Congress.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting would be held during BRASILIA 2017 on October 30 and 31, 2017.

CHINA 2019

President Tay reported that a General World Stamp Exhibition shall be held in China in 2019 and the FIP Board approved the appointment of President Tay to be the FIP Consultant.

REGULATIONS

The following Regulations and Guidelines were discussed and updated by the Board members, according to the changes in the Statutes and GREX approved by the last Congress:

1. GREV
2. Guidelines for the Duties and Regulations for the Philatelic Commissions/Section
3. Guidelines for the Duties and Accreditations of Jurors
4. Congress Regulations

The updated files could be downloaded from the FIP website.

After the Board meeting the FIP Board members had an informal meeting with Dr Fadli Zon.



f.l. Mr Gita Noviandi, Ms Ira Puspitadewi, Dr Fadli Zon, Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr Aldo Samamé, Mr Rachmat Asaad, Mr Herman Santoso

Highlights of the 113th and 114th FIP Board of Directors Meetings in Brasilia, Brazil, on October 23rd and October 30th, 2017

FINANCES

The Secretary General reported that as at September 2017, FIP had an income of 207,075 CHF, the expenditure was 94,000 CHF and the gross profit was 112,000 CHF.

MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Some federations would like to take up the reduced FIP annual fee of 200 CHF, with no voting right at the Congress, but with all other privileges. The FIP Board would welcome these federations and hopes also non-FIP member federations would consider joining FIP on this basis.

JURY MATTERS

New jurors

The jurors served their apprenticeships successfully: Jean-François Gibot, France, and Paul Novoa, Ecuador, in Traditional Philately; Henry Ong, Singapore, in Postal Stationery; Phairot Jiraprasertkun, Thailand, in Thematic Philately and Christian G. Perez, Argentina, in Youth Philately.

Cross accreditations

Klerman Wanderley Lopes, Brazil, and Muhammad Javaid, UAE, (Traditional Philately); Geoffrey Kellow, Australia, (Postal History); Luis F. Junqueira Alvim, Brazil, (Thematic Philately).

SEMINARS

The Postal Stationery FIP approved qualifying seminar conducted by Lars Engelbrecht was well attended. An information seminar on Fight Against Forgery Commission about how the expert group operated and illustrations of the commonly identified "questionable items" was jointly conducted by Geoffrey Kellow and President Tay. A seminar in Thematic Philately was held by the Chairman of the commission, Peter Suhadolc.

EXHIBITIONS

ISRAEL 2018

The final selection of the jury and the apprentices for ISRAEL 2018 shall be consolidated and discussed in the next Board meeting in February 2018. The agreement for ISRAEL 2018 was signed between FIP Consultant Dr Prakob Chirakiti and Director Yigal Nathaniel, who was also the Organizing Coordinator for the World Stamp Championship exhibition.



Mr Nathaniel and Dr Chirakiti after signing the agreement for ISRAEL 2018

PRAGA 2018

The draft timetable for PRAGA 2018 was planned and Vice-President Jimenez, FIP Consultant for the exhibition, shall visit Prague in January 2018 to meet the organizing committee.

THAILAND 2018

Director Chirakiti reported that THAILAND 2018 shall be held from November 28 to December 3, 2018. It would be a General World Stamp Exhibition with all classes and have 2,500 frames. The jury and commissioner timetable shall be discussed and finalised in the next Board meeting. The 75th FIP Congress would be held on December 2. The agreement for THAILAND 2018 was signed between Director Chirakiti, on behalf of the

Philatelic Association of Thailand, and President Tay, FIP Consultant for the exhibition.

CHINA 2019

President Tay reported that All-China Philatelic Federation would host a reception during THAILAND 2018 to promote the China 2019 exhibition, which shall be held in June in Beijing. The venue of the exhibition had yet to be finalised and the official hotel chosen would be near to the exhibition site.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Brisbane, from February 9-13, 2018.



Mr Tay and Dr Chirakiti after signing the agreement for THAILAND 2018

FIP Postal History Commission Meeting cum seminar Trans Studio Convention Centre Boardroom, Bandung, Indonesia Monday, 7 August 2017, 14:00 – 15:30

The minutes of the Commission meeting can be viewed from www.fippostalhistory.com website.

Following the meeting, SS3 seminar titled 'How to achieve a Gold medal in Postal History' was presented by Bureau member Dan Walker who was one of the contributors of this seminar. This lively Powerpoint presentation attracted 27 people to stay behind after the commission meeting. Out of the 27 people attended, 17 were jurors and 11 indicated that they exhibited postal history.

The seminar finished at 15:40hrs following discussion among those attended.

Several points were raised during the seminar:

- Synopsis page. When exhibitors submitted such pages together with the entry form, do the organizers distribute them to the Jurors? Whether jurors find such additional reading material useful in judging exhibits?
- Request breakdown points of (Treatment/Importance and Condition/Rarity) to be given on our website for each exhibition in future.



Photos taken by Commission Secretary

FIP Postal Stationery Qualifying Seminar

Thirty-four people attended the FIP Postal Stationery Qualifying Seminar: "Exhibiting & Judging Postal Stationery" at Bandung 2017 which was presented by Ian McMahon.

The postal stationery class included twenty-four exhibits with a wide variety of topics including Netherland Indies and Indonesia, German Post Office in China, Korean postcards, Sweden and Bechuanaland. The top ranked exhibit was *British India Queen Victoria Postal Stationery* which received a Large Gold and special prize. Special prizes were also awarded to Frank Li for his exhibit of Albania and to Ian Bridle for his exhibit of Republican Postal Stationery of Java.



Bernie Beston addressing the audience at the FIP Postal Stationery Seminar at Bandung 2017



Postal Stationery Class at Bandung 2017

Traditional Philately Seminar in Bandung

The Chairman of the Traditional Philately Commission, Lars Peter Svendsen held a FIP qualifying seminar on rules and regulations when judging traditional philately exhibits in August in connection with the FIP Exhibition Bandung 2017.

39 attended the seminar and 14 indicated their interest in becoming a jury apprentice at a coming FIP exhibition.

Lars Peter Svendsen explained with a Powerpoint presentation the rules, regulations and guidelines with a special focus on the Traditional Philately Judging Checklist, an effective tool to remember all aspects in judging and points giving for the different judging criteria.

Many of the check list points were documented with examples of stamps and covers in the presentation.

The presentation and the checklist can be downloaded from the commission WEB-site www.traditionalphilately.dk under Links etc. and then Downloads. Direct address <http://www.traditionalphilately.dk/links-etc/downloads.html>

Delegates to the commission and other interested are welcome to use the presentation locally in their countries.

Lars Peter Svendsen

Chairman

Traditional Philately Commission

Short Report on the Bandung FIP Qualifying Seminar for Thematic Philately

by Peter Suhadolc, TH Commission Chairman

The FIP Thematic Qualifying Seminar was held in the TRANS Luxury Hotel in Bandung,

Indonesia on August 5, 2017 at 14:00. The TH Commission Chairman Peter Suhadolc and Secretary Tono Dwi Putranto presented two powerpoint lectures entitled, respectively:

JUDGING THEMATIC EXHIBITS:

Understand the rules to achieve excellence in judging.... and exhibiting

MATERIAL IN A THEMATIC PHILATELY EXHIBIT

Some Guidelines

The seminar was attended by 42 people, filling all room capacities. They came from 14 FIAP, 4 FEPA and 2 FIAF

affiliated countries. The attendance was varied, mainly composed of more or less experienced exhibitors in thematic philately, but also other persons interested in thematic philately, potential future exhibitors.

The Chairman spoke for about 80 minutes, followed by the Secretary talk lasting 20 minutes. Questions were allowed also during the talks and many used this opportunity. The two talks were followed by a 20 minutes long discussion on several aspects of thematic philately, particularly on appropriate material allowed in thematic exhibits. The questions and answers could have gone further, but the room had to be emptied to allow the next scheduled event.

We foresee a more hands-on approach for perspective future jurors. A FIP Commission has been set up to study this problem. The TH Commission will tentatively try such an approach in the next exhibition in Brasilia 2017 in October this year.



Seminar of the FIP Commission for the Fight against Forgeries

by Tay Peng Hian, FIP President, & Geoffrey Kellow, Chairman of the Commission



The seminar by President Tay and Geoffrey Kellow was well presented. Geoffrey Kellow gave insights into the workings of the expert group, which normally consists of a Team Leader and two to three members.

For greater details, please refer to FLASH 123 pages 5-9 for the article on “An Operational Guideline for Expert Group at Work at FIP World Stamp Exhibitions.”



President Tay presented a few examples of questionable items as identified by past expert groups. The workshop

was well attended by about 25 delegates and there were active discussions after the presentations.

Report on the Brasilia 2017 FIP Qualifying Seminar for Thematic Philately

Peter Suhadolc, TH Commission Chairman

The Brasilia2017 FIP Thematic Qualifying Seminar was held in the Aguas Claras room in the Guimarraes Center in Brasilia, Brazil, on October 26, 2017 from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 13:30 to 16:00. The former and present Chair of the TH Commission Damian Läge and Peter Suhadolc, respectively, presented powerpoint lectures:

Peter Suhadolc

THEMATIC TREATMENT: Some examples

RARITY OF MATERIAL IN THEMATIC EXHIBITS

Damian Läge, invited by the Brasilia2017 organizers, also delivered a presentation on ASPECTS OF THE EVALUATION OF THEMATIC EXHIBITS.

20 people participated to the Seminar (official list), but several other attended only parts of the Seminar. The 20 participants came from 6 FIAF, 3 FIAP and 1 FEPA affiliated countries. The majority, 8 people, were Brazilians. The attendance was varied, mainly composed of more or less experienced exhibitors in thematic philately, but also other persons interested in thematic philately, potential future exhibitors. Questions were allowed also during the talks and many used this

opportunity. Handouts of the descriptive part of the Seminar were given to participants.

In the afternoon there was a practical part in which three teams were invited to score several criteria of six exhibits shown. Three exhibits were common to at least two judging teams.

The practice took quite some time, due to lively discussions of the participants in front of the frames. At the end the scores of the teams were reviewed and compared to the 'official' score. The results were on the average rather homogeneous and agreed with the 'official' ones, although several participants proposed scores about 5 points off.

The new 'hands-on' approach was unanimously considered as extremely positive.

It was proposed, however, not to hold such workshops during the initial or central part of the exhibition, since many perspective participants are then taken by Commissioner or judging duties. Maybe a day towards the end or after the closing of the exhibition would be a more appropriate time.

POSTAL STATIONERY EXHIBITING SEMINAR AT BRASILIA 2017

by Lars Engelbrecht, Chairman

During the FIP exhibition Brasilia 2017 the Postal Stationery Commission Chairman Lars Engelbrecht held a postal stationery seminar for exhibitors and jurors with focus on how to build, improve and judge an exhibit. The agenda was:

How to build a postal stationery exhibit

- The idea and purpose of the exhibit
- The material available
- The story in the exhibit
- Practical advice

In this first part an exhibit was used as example on how to start up an exhibit by defining the idea and purpose of an exhibit based on the material available for the exhibitor.

Then several very different introduction pages were read and discussed by all participants, and it was discussed how to recommend to the exhibitor ways to improve it in order to help the jurors understand and prepare the judging of the exhibit. The agenda for this second part was:

Learning from other exhibits

- Introduction pages
- Page layout
- Description of items
- Placing text and items on the page
- Balance in the frame

Finally all participants judged three different one frame postal stationery exhibits. Each participants' results were recorded and the variety of the judging was discussed and the correct judging per judging criteria was agreed. Furthermore it was discussed what kind of feedback each exhibitor should have.

This new approach to workshops proved to be very good in regard to involving all participants and not only looking at PowerPoint slides. However a workshop in this form is much more time consuming and requires a lot more preparation. We will be developing the new seminar format further and will continue to offer postal stationery exhibiting and judging seminars at all FIP exhibitions.

Number of qualifying exhibits for Commissioners 2018

Country	Exhibits	General	Speciali.
Albania	1	3	3
Argentina	35	7	4
Armenia	1	3	3
Australia	131	18	10
Austria	46	7	4
Bahrain	5	3	3
Bangladesh	4	3	3
Belarus	5	3	3
Belgium	28	7	4
Bolivia	9	3	3
Brazil	35	7	4
Brunei	0	3	3
Bulgaria	8	3	3
Canada	50	7	4
Chile	9	3	3
China	171	18	10
Chinese Taipei	52	10	6
Colombia	32	7	4
Congo	0	3	3
Costa Rica	21	6	4
Croatia	9	3	3
Cuba	12	6	4
Cyprus	10	3	3
Czech Rep.	30	7	4
Denmark	34	7	4
Ecuador	7	3	3
Egypt	23	6	4
Estonia	4	3	3
Finland	47	7	4
France	71	10	6
Georgia	0	3	3
Germany	82	12	7
Great Britain	137	18	10
Greece	16	6	4
Guatemala	1	3	3
Honduras	2	3	3
Hong Kong	51	10	6
Hungary	20	6	4
Iceland	7	3	3
India	41	7	4
Indonesia	39	7	4
Iran	8	3	3
Iraq	0	3	3
Ireland	5	3	3
Israel	31	7	4
Italy	40	7	4
Japan	95	12	7
Korea (Rep.)	45	7	4
Kuwait	3	3	3
Latvia	7	3	3
Liechtenstein	4	3	3
Lithuania	6	3	3
Luxembourg	8	3	3

Country	Exhibits	General	Speciali.
Macau	2	3	3
Macedonia	0	3	3
Malaysia	17	6	4
Malta	1	3	3
Mexico	4	3	3
Monaco	2	3	3
Mongolia	2	3	3
Montenegro	4	3	3
Nepal	4	3	3
Netherlands	29	7	4
New Zealand	27	7	4
Nigeria	0	3	3
Norway	33	7	4
Oman	1	3	3
Pakistan	50	7	4
Paraguay	7	3	3
Peru	10	3	3
Philippines	7	3	3
Poland	24	6	4
Portugal	9	3	3
Qatar	11	6	4
Romania	28	7	4
RPD Corée	0	3	3
Russia	49	7	4
Saudi Arabia	7	3	3
Serbia	18	6	4
Singapore	25	6	4
Slovakia	8	3	3
Slovenia	9	3	3
South Africa	33	7	4
Spain	57	10	6
Sri Lanka	0	3	3
Sweden	75	10	6
Switzerland	43	7	4
Thailand	36	7	4
Turkey	24	6	4
UAE	21	6	4
Ukraine	12	6	4
Uruguay	9	3	3
USA	232	18	10
Venezuela	6	3	3
Vietnam	1	3	3

Level	General	Special
0 - 10	3	3
11 - 25	6	4
26 - 50	7	4
51 - 75	10	6
76 - 100	12	7
over 100	18	10

1/3 Youth exhibits allowed

3 One-Frame exhibits = 1 normal exhibit

BANDUNG 2017

BANDUNG 2017 Specialised World Stamp Exhibition was held from August 3 -7, 2018 at the Trans Studio Convention Centre under the patronage of FIP and auspices of FIAP.



A total of 450 competitive exhibits were judged with 21 Large Gold medals and 65 Gold medals awarded.



The jury at work

The Best Youth was awarded to Pron Tanguy (France) for his exhibit "The Rooster of Decaris Issue (France 1964-1967)".



f.l. FIP Consultant Michael Ho presented the Best of Youth award to FIP Director Bernard Jimenez and Mr Claude Désarménien, President of the French federation, who received the award on behalf of Tanguy Pron.



Youth exhibitors get their medals on the stage

Mr Kusuma Indra (Indonesia) received the Grand Prix National prize, donated by the Indonesian Philatelists Association, for his exhibit "Repoeblik Indonesia 1945-1949, Local Issued Stamps during Independent War in Java Island."



Prof. Dr. Ahmad M. Ramli SH.MH awards the Grand Prix National to Mr Kusuma Indra



The Grand Prix International prize, a Replica of Borobudur Temple, donated by FIP, was received by Mr Ding Jin Song (China) for his exhibit "The 1897 Red Revenue Surcharges of China".



f.l. Mr Ding Jingsong is awarded the Grand Prix International by FIP President Mr Tay Peng Hian; Mr R. Soeyono, President of the Indonesian Philatelists Association

The FIAP EXCO meeting was also held in the morning of August 6, followed by the 21st FIAP Congress.

During the Palmares dinner at the Imperial Chinese Restaurant, every guest received a traditional Indonesia *batik* souvenir and real-time phototaking for personalized stamp sheet. The dinner ended with the passing of FIP flag to the organizing Committee of BRASILIA 2017 Specialised World Exhibition.



Transfer of the FIP flag to BRASILIA 2017

f.l. Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr Luis Claudio Fritzen (Brazil) and the Brazil commissioner for Bandung Mr Carlos Dalmiro Silva Soares

During BANDUNG 2017 the FIP Grand Prix Club Members had their traditional luncheon after the Palmarès on August 7th, 2017, at the Jun Njan Seafood Restaurant.



f.l. standing: Mr Juan Pablo Peredo, Mr Michael Ho, Mr Chen Yu-An, Mr Ding Jinsong, Dr Prakob Chirakiti, Mr Jan Berg, Mr Charnchai Karnasuta.

seated: Mr Yigal Nathaniel, Ms Martha Villaroel de Peredo, Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr William Kwan, Mr Jean Voruz, Dr Pichai Buranasombati.

BRASILIA 2017

The BRASILIA 2017 Specialised World Exhibition was held at the Ulysses Guimaraes Convention Centre from October 24 – 29, 2017 by the Brazilian Federation of Philately (FEBRAF), under the patronage of FIP and auspices of FIAF. The 50th FIAF Congress was held on October 27.



Opening Ceremony

An innovative Bike Ride was held in conjunction with the launch of a special issue of stamps featuring bicycles in Brazil from 1890 until 1960, by the Brazilian Post. Other than displays of the competitive exhibits, the exhibition hall also showcased vintage cars; craft exhibitions; as well as a creative Postal Parade of mail boxes transformed into three-dimensional artworks by invited artists of Brazil. There were many other activities, including interviews about philately, notes and coins. The Brazilian Post also conducted talks on philately and how to start a collection to school groups.

The mounting of the exhibits was done with the help of the National Commissioners.



More than 460 competitive exhibits from close to 60 countries were judged, with 18 Large Gold medals and 74 Gold medals awarded.

The Best of Youth award went to Rodriguez Pinero, Jose Carlos (Spain) for his exhibit "Postal Stationery of Mexico 'Serie Multas'". Mr Pablo Reim (Argentina) was awarded the Grand Prix National, donated by Brazilian Post, for his exhibit "Brazil Classics Stamps, 1843 – 1861".



f.l. FIP Vice-President Mr Reinaldo E. Macedo, Mr Pablo Reim, FIP Director Dr Prakob Chirakiti

The Grand Prix International, also donated by Brazilian Post, went to Mr Walter Britz (Uruguay) for his exhibit "The Postal History of Uruguay (1779 - 1880)".



f.l. Ms Noade Nery Correa Alves, Mr Walter Britzen and FIP Vice-President Mr Bernard Jimenez



Mr Bernard Jimenez, Jury Secretary, Dr Prakob Chirakiti and Mr Stephen Schumann, Vice-President of the Jury, are counting the votes for the Grand Prix d'Honneur at the Palmarès

Mr Luis Alemany (Spain) received the Grand Prix d'Honneur, donated by FIP, for his exhibit "Spain. Rates During Isabel II Reign. 1850 – 1865".



The Grand Prix d'Honneur at BRASILIA 2017, a statue made of stone with emeralds



f.l. Dr P. Chirakiti, FIP President Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr José Pedro Gomez-Aguëro, Commissioner for Spain, who received the prize on behalf of Mr Luis Alemany, Mr S. Schumann, Mr B. Jimenez



Transfer of the FIP flag from BRASILIA 2017 to ISRAEL 2018, f.l.: Dr. Hedy Faibel, Dr. July Keller, Mr Yigal Nathaniel, Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr Luis Claudio Fritzen, Mr Rubem Porto, Mr Reinaldo E. Macedo, Mr José Ramon Moreno

Held at the Centro de Eventos Brasil 21, the Palmarès dinner ended with a spectacular Brazilian Samba performance following the transfer of FIP flag to the organizing Committee of ISRAEL 2018 World Stamp Championship exhibition, to be held in Jerusalem from 27- 31 May 2018.

The traditional FIP Grand Prix Luncheon was held on October 29th, 2017.



f. l. Mrs Tomoko Sato, Mr Bernard Beston, Mr Pablo Reim, Mr Koichi Sato, Ms Gabriela Villaroel de Peredo, Mr Yigal Nathaniel, Mr Bernard Jimenez, Ms Martha Villaroel de Peredo, Ms Pat Stikwell-Walker, Ms Jacqueline Bahiense, Ms Liliana Maria Reim, Mr Reinaldo Macedo, Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr Dan Walker, Ms Marcela Morey, Mr Aldo Samamé y Samamé, Mr Jean Voruz, Dr Prakob Chirakiti.

WSC Israel 2018

May 27-31, 2018

In October 2017 at the Specialized Stamp Exhibition Brasilia 2017, the F.I.P flag was handed over to WSC Israel 2018 that will be held in Jerusalem on the 70th anniversary of Israel Independence.



"Everyone has a city, and its name is Jerusalem," wrote the Israeli poet Natan Yonatan, reflecting the wide range of emotions that this magical city evokes in the hearts of billions of people around the world. For thousands of years this magical city has been at the center of existence for people of different religions and cultures.



The World Stamp Championship Israel 2018 will be held on May 27 to 31, 2018 at the ICC – International Convention Center, Jerusalem.

It will be a Specialized WSC exhibition under FIP patronage covering Competitive Classes - Championship Class, Traditional Class, Postal History, Modern Philately, Literature and Non-Competitive class – FIP Grand Prix Club. We are planning a display of 1000 frames.

The Israel Philatelic Federation with the Israel Philatelic Service and the Israel Post Company are now in the midst of preparations for the WSC Israel 2018. The Exhibition, which was approved only in August (budget problems), is almost on its way to the final alignment.

WSC Israel 2018 aroused great interest among philatelists all over the world and as of December, the demand for exhibit frames stand on more than 1500 Frames, 50 Participating Countries, with 70 Literature entries, 20 WSC Exhibits, Traditional, Postal History and Modern Philately Exhibits. The Philatelic Committee will meet in the coming days to the final approval and acceptance of 1000 frames out of a list 1500.



The Israel Philatelic Service will issue a special Imperforated Souvenir Sheet, depicting "Jerusalem of Gold" with a printed gold foil. The Item will be issued in a limited and numbered edition of 3000 copies and will be given as a gift to the purchasers of the Exhibition Catalog.

Crowne Plaza Jerusalem, a Luxurious hotel, was chosen as the Exhibition official hotel. Its location nearby the Exhibition Venue will be very convenient to our guest from abroad.



The City of Jerusalem suggest many attractions- new and old, modern and ancient, colorful views, places of entertainment day and night- everyone can find his own Jerusalem in the city. We are all excited to see you in Israel and wish to all of us a great success in our Great Philatelic Event.

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Auctions



PRAGA 2018 Specialized World Stamp Exhibition

The history of PRAGA stamp exhibitions starts in 1938, when Czechoslovak collectors organized the first PRAGA stamp exhibition. This was a remarkable event organized by the Czech stamp enthusiasts speaking both Czech and German languages led by L. Bednár executing the position of the Chairman of Organization Committee. The exhibition has not received only the F.I.P. patronage, but it has been organized also under auspices of Czechoslovak minister of Post & Telegraphs as well as by the Foreign Affairs, the exhibition has been supported by City Major of Prague as well as by the members of the diplomatic corps.

However the exhibition was very successful attracting attention of whole philatelic world, the WWII limited the possibilities to organize a similar event. The first attempt occurred in 1950, when a group of Czechoslovak collectors tried to organize PRAGA 1950 as an international philatelic exhibition. Unfortunately, the attempt was for many reasons not successful: external ones like lack of money being primarily needed for financing the post-war reconstruction of the Czechoslovak industry and the internal ones represented by the internal disputes among the stamp collectors.

The next (successful) attempt was executed in 1955, when PRAGA 1955 organized as the international stamp exhibition came into history. The patronage to the exhibition was provided by the President A. Zápotocký, majority of the exhibitors came from the Communist countries and some exhibits were the collective ones, however we find the very reputable collectors in the Exhibition Committee with a prominent example of L. Berthelot.

The next PRAGA exhibition organized in 1962 was a totally different event. The idea of bringing philately to the working class was over and the exhibition was open for the collectors around the world. Thanks to the FIP support, PRAGA 1962 was the very first World Stamp Exhibition in the philatelic history.



PRAGA 1962 postal stationery cancelled at the exhibition post office on Sept. 1, 1962, the F.I.P. Day

PRAGA 1968 was similarly to PRAGA 1938 organized in a politically hectic time. This was the period of

hope to change Czechoslovakia, the Prague Spring 1968 movement was still active, the Soviet armies occupied Czechoslovakia just few weeks later. The popular President L. Svoboda became patron of the exhibition.

The climate for PRAGA 1978 changed again. Czechoslovakia already "absorbed" the 1968 shock trying to establish the political and cultural connections with the Eastern and Western countries.

PRAGA 1988 belonged to the largest stamp exhibitions of the philatelic history showing the best stamps around the world. The commissioners and jury members were represented by persons like J. Wolff, H. Jäger or G. Lindberg. Ladislav Dvoráček was supporting the exhibition as the F.I.P. President as the only Czech collector being elected to this prominent function. The greatest rarity shown at PRAGA was a newspaper addressed to the ex-Emperor Ferdinand of Habsburg living in Prague being franked with block of twelve (Austrian) Yellow Mercury newspaper stamps (1851) exhibited by A.D. Kroo.

The next PRAGA 1998 exhibition was much smaller occupying the modern building of the Fair Palace in Prague. It was the first exhibition after the Velvet Revolution of 1989 being for the first time not supported by any governmental authorities.

To finish our journey through the PRAGA exhibitions, I shall mention the last PRAGA exhibition organized in 2008. This exhibition received a very positive feedback from both philatelic and non-philatelic public attracting 45.000 visitors for just 3 days of its duration! You might still remember the queues at the entrance of the Court of Honour.

The coming PRAGA 2018 exhibitions shall continue the long-time tradition of the PRAGA stamp exhibitions. PRAGA 2018 to be executed under the patronage of F.I.P. and under the auspices of the European Philatelic Federation (FEPA). The main organizer is the Union of Czech Philatelists. The exhibition will be open for qualified exhibits in the traditional, postal history, philatelic literature, revenue stamps, open class, one-frame, and modern philatelic classes.



Clarion Congress Hotel in Prague

We have selected the great venue of Clarion Congress Hotel in Prague allowing us to keep the main exhibition area together with the accommodation facility of the

guests and visitors being additionally equipped with the shopping mall and the parking house. There is a Metro/Underground station next to the hotel allowing an easy access to the city centre of Prague (with approx. 20 minutes transportation time).

But the venue is not the only one selected for PRAGA 2018: the Prague Postal Museum will be the location showing the Philatelic Literature Class. It will be joined by the Mucha Museum Prague introducing the works of the famous Czech painter Alfons Mucha, who is also the author of the very first Czechoslovak postage stamps and banknotes. Finally, PRAGA 2018 will be accompanied by the EXPO Stamp Fair situated at the Olympik Tristar Hotel near the main exhibition building. Please find here the summary of all the PRAGA 2018 locations.



The Bombay Cover

Venue	Occupation	Address / GPS / Metro station
Clarion Congress Hotel ****	Main exhibition area, desks of Czech Post Office & Christoph Gärtner Auction	Freyova 33, Prague 9; http://www.clarioncongresshotelprague.com GPS: 50°6'38.627N, 14°30'7.154E Vysocanska metro station
Postal Museum Prague	Philatelic Literature Class & museum permanent philatelic exhibition	Nove Mlyny 2, Prague 1 https://www.postovnimuzeum.cz GPS: 50.0922514N, 14.4285450E Náměstí Republiky metro station
Olympik Tristar ***	EXPO Stamp fair; desks of Czech Post Office & Christoph Gärtner Auction	U Sluncove 14, Prague 8 http://www.olympik.cz/cz/tristar-kontakt/ GPS: 50° 5' 55.398N, 14° 28' 14.520E Invalidovna metro station
Mucha Museum Prague	Alfons Mucha & art nouveau stamps	Panska 7, Prague 1 http://www.mucha.cz GPS: 50.0843172N, 14.4275172E Náměstí Republiky or Mustek metro stations

The event is to be crowned by the (traditional) presence of the Blue and Red "Post Office" stamps of Mauritius (1847) and the famous "Bombay Cover" (1850) franked with two pieces of Mauritius Red "Post Office" stamps. The difference to the previous PRAGA exhibitions is the fact, that all the above Mauritius rarities come from a reputable Czech philatelic collection, whose owner decided to introduce the unusual philatelic material to the local and global philatelic community. But the Mauritius stamps are not the only rarities shown at our exhibition, other rare stamps will be provided by Christoph Gärtner Company acting as the main philatelic partner and the official auctioneer of the event.

PRAGA 2018 is enjoying a strong support not only from the stamp collectors' community, but also from the official authorities. The exhibition has received an auspice of Mrs. Adriana Krnáčová, City Major of Prague,

Mr. Daniel Herman, Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic as well as from Mr. Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. The event is not only the stamp exhibition, but also a celebration of the centenaries of WWI end, creation of the Czechoslovak Republic, creation of Prague Postal Museum, issuance of the first Czechoslovak postage stamps and stationary (all 1918) and the 25th anniversary of Czech Republic declaration (1993).

You will find more information at the exhibition website www.praga2018.cz. PRAGA 2018 has been scheduled for August 15 – 18, 2018. We are looking forward to meeting the stamp collectors around the world here in Prague!

Lubor Kunc
Secretary General
PRAGA 2018 Specialized World Stamp Exhibition
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Updating on the newly elected Presidents of our Member Federations

Federation	President	Email president	Email/website federation
Australian Philatelic Federation	Mr John Moore		ian.mcmahon4@bigpond.com
Croatian Philatelic Federation	Mr Nenad Rogina	nenad.rogina@gmail.com	info@hsf.hr / www.hsf.hr
Fed. Filatelica de la Republica de Honduras	Mr Edgardo Alegria		ffrh@hotmail.com
Philatelic Federation of Pakistan	Mr Usman Ali Isani		rizvi786syed@yahoo.com
Federation of Turkish Philatelic Associations	Mr Ziya Agaogullari		arman_arikan@hotmail.com
Asociacion Filatelica Peruana	Mr Aldo Samamé y Samamé	irvinciputa@yahoo.com	

Updating on the addresses of our Member Federations

Federation	New address	Email federation	Website federation
Croatian Philatelic Federation	Pupaciceva 4 HR-10090 Zagreb Croatia	info@hsf.hr	www.hsf.hr
Fed. Filatelica de la Republica de Honduras	Apartado Postal 1465, Tegucigalpa, D.C.	ffrh@hotmail.com	
Philatelic Federation of Pakistan	House # 96, Street # 60, F-8/3, Islamabad, Pakistan	rizvi786syed@yahoo.com	
Vietnam Philatelic Association	N° 5, Pham Hung Str., Nam Tu Liem District, Hanoi, Vietnam	vpa@vnpost.vn	

Federación de Entidades Filatélicas de Costa Rica

IN MEMORIAM ABRAHAM GELBER

Hemos recibido la noticia del fallecimiento del amigo Abraham Gelber.

Abraham fue presidente de la AFCR por incontables años, a las tareas como directivo de la AFCR se entregó de lleno, nunca egoísta. Participaba siempre en todas las actividades y lo hizo con una lealtad extraordinaria, sin par.

Además fue integrante del Comité Ejecutivo de FIAF durante varios años, y jurado FIP en la clase de Filatelia Tradicional. Representó a Costa Rica como juez y comisario en múltiples exposiciones tanto nacionales como en el exterior. Sus colecciones siempre ganaron importantes premios en exposiciones nacionales y mundiales.

Ilustramos, con una galería de fotografías, parte de la vida filatélica de Abraham.

Paz a sus restos y feliz viaje amigo.



Association of Singapore Philatelists



OBITUARY MR LIM SA BEE

It is with deep sadness to announce that Mr Lim Sa Bee had passed away peacefully on 27 December 2017 after a brief illness, at the age of 74.

Mr Lim had contributed and participated actively in the philatelic world for the past decades. He had served many times as team leader of the Expert Group as well as the Literature Class judging in FIP world exhibitions. Many young promising philatelists have been guided by him in both exhibit judging and expert

group work at FIAP and FIP exhibitions. He was also an FIP-accredited juror in Aerophilately, Astrophilately and Postal History classes. He served as Honorary Treasurer in the FIAP Executive Committee for 3 terms from 1996 to 2017.

He was also the Secretary of FIAP Expert Committee since 2009.

In 2010, Mr Lim, jointly with Mr Tay Peng Hian, wrote an article on "An Operational Guideline for Expert Group at work at FIP World Stamp Exhibition". This was re-published in FIP FLASH Issue 123 (2017).

His collection "Malayan Airmails: 1911-1942" had won a Large Gold with special prize at INDIPEX 2011 FIP World Stamp Exhibition. His other collections "Modern Postal Activities in Singapore" and "The Evolution of Chinese Postal Services (A study of postal routes and markings on covers reflect the history and development of various postal systems from Imperial era to early republic period)" were exhibited actively in the 80s - 90s in both FIAP and FIP exhibitions.

Mr Lim was last seen judging at BANDUNG 2017 World Stamp Exhibition in August 2017. His demise is a great loss to Singapore, FIAP, AIEP (Association Internationale des Experts en Philatélie) and FIP.

He shall be dearly missed by all his philatelic friends.

Union of Philatelists of Russia



KLOCHKO VYACHESLAV 1949 - 2018

It is with great sadness to announce that Russian philatelist Mr Klochko Vyacheslav, had passed away on 12 January 2018.

Mr Klochko had been a member and Vice-President of the Union of Philatelists of Russia (1997-2013), a member of the Association internationale des experts en philatélie (AIEP), as well as an active jury member of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP). He was an FIP juror of the Astrophilately and Youth classes, and had served in numerous exhibitions, most recently at PHILATAIPEI 2016.

Always helpful and kind, Mr Klochko contributed to the preparation of the successful exhibitions "Moscow 1997" and "Saint Petersburg 2007". His Astrophilately collection "Space Mail of the USSR and Russia" won its third large gold medal in BRASILIANA 2013. He also had another thematic exhibit "Profession is Astronaut", of which its first FIP exhibition was Pacific Explorer exhibition in 2005.

We will all miss him dearly. May his soul rest in peace.

Fédération des Sociétés philatéliques du G.-D. de Luxembourg

MAXIMUM CARDS AND PICTURE POSTCARDS, POPULAR COLLECTING AREA

On November 25th, 2017, FSPL President and Honorary FIP President Jos Wolff organised the first exchange for picture postcards and maximum cards at the federation's premises. A steady stream of interested collectors kept Jos Wolff and his team busy from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



The federation had issued a personalised stamp and a picture postcard, POST Luxembourg had issued a special cancellation and had a temporary post office where the visitors could realise a maximum card.



The temporary post office, f.l.: Mr Jos Wolff, Ms Manon Weishaupt-Mossong, Mr Emile Espen, in charge of POST Philately Luxembourg

Federation of the Principality of Monaco



Young philatelists from five countries (USA 10, UK 2, 1 each from Belgium, Russia and Italy) visited MonacoPhil stamp exhibition in Monaco, December 2017. Photo taken together with Mr Patrick Maselis, President of the Federation of the Principality of Monaco.

LA LI ASAMBLEA DE LA FEDERACIÓN INTERAMERICANA DE FILATELIA SE REUNIÓ EN BRASILIA

Entre el 24 y el 29 de octubre de 2017 se realizó en Brasilia la Exposición Internacional de Filatelia que, con los auspicios de las federaciones internacional e interamericana de filatelia, reunió en la capital brasileña colecciones y obras de literatura filatélica de cincuenta y nueve países.

En el marco de esta Exposición, la tarde del viernes 27 de octubre, en el Centro de Convenciones Ulisses Guimarães, se instaló la LI Asamblea Anual Ordinaria de la Federación Interamericana de Filatelia. La Mesa Directiva estuvo integrada por el Presidente de la FIAF, Luis Claudio Fritzen; el Vicepresidente Yamil Kouri; el Secretario, Juan Pablo Aguilar Andrade; el Tesorero Ad-hoc Charles Verge; y los consejeros Heinz Junge, Alfonso Molina y José Raúl Lorenzo. Asistieron, además, cuatro de los siete presidentes de comisiones especializadas: Miguel Casielles (Historia Postal), Walter Britz (Tradicional), Arturo Ferrer (Enteros Postales) y Christian Pérez (Juventud). Diecisiete países de la Federación acreditaron delegados para participar en la Asamblea.

Punto destacado de la Asamblea fue el saludo que, antes de su instalación, recibió del Directorio de la Federación Internacional de Filatelia, seis de cuyos integrantes se hicieron presentes en la sala de sesiones. El grupo estuvo encabezado por el Presidente de la Federación Internacional, señor Tay Peng Hian, quien estuvo

THE LI ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERAMERICAN FEDERATION OF PHILATELY MET IN BRASILIA

From October 24-29, 2017 an International Philatelic Exhibition took place in Brasilia, sponsored by the International and Inter American Federations of Philately, which gathered in the Brazilian capital collections and works of philatelic literature from fifty-nine countries.

Within the frame of this Exhibition, in the afternoon of Friday, October 27, in the Ulisses Guimarães Convention Center, the LI Annual Ordinary Assembly of the Inter American Federation of Philately was convened. The table of Directors was formed by FIAF President, Luis Claudio Fritzen; Vice-President Yamil Kouri; Secretary, Juan Pablo Aguilar Andrade; Treasurer Ad-hoc Charles Verge; and directors Heinz Junge, Alfonso Molina and José Raúl Lorenzo. Also, four of the seven specialized commissions presidents were present: Miguel Casielles (Postal History), Walter Britz (Traditional), Arturo Ferrer (Postal Stationery) and Christian Pérez (Youth). Seventeen of the Federation countries sent accredited delegates to participate in the Assembly.

A high point of the Assembly was the greeting that, before the start of the meeting, was received from the Directors of the International Federation of Philately, seven of whom were present in the room. The group was led by the President of the International Federation, Mr. Tay Peng Hian, who was accompanied by vice-presidents Reinaldo Macedo, Bernard Beston and Bernard Jiménez;



f.l. Mr Juan Pablo Aguilar, Mr Tay P. H., Mr L. C. Fritzen, Mr R. E. Macedo, Dr P. Chirakiti, Mr A. Samamé y Samamé, Mr B. Jimenez, Mr B. Beston

acompañado por los vicepresidentes Reinaldo Macedo, Bernard Beston y Bernard Jiménez; y por los directores Aldo Samamé y Prakob Chirakiti y por la señorita Kelly Ong.

En su saludo, el Presidente de la FIP se refirió a temas fundamentales para el trabajo de las dos federaciones, fundamentalmente a la necesidad de que se impulse la participación de colecciones americanas en las próximas exposiciones FIP, pues la presencia mayoritaria de colecciones es la que permite integrar un mayor número de jurados del área FIAF a esos certámenes.

La Asamblea de la FIAF pasó inmediatamente a rendir homenaje a destacados filatelistas americanos, fallecidos desde la reunión de la Asamblea de Córdoba (Argentina), del año 2016, por medio de un minuto de silencio que permitió recordar la vida y la obra de Juan Bosco Oberti, Leo John Harris, Guillermo Peña Andrade, Ernesto Zicari y Abraham Gelber.

Un tema de particular importancia que se trató en la Asamblea, fue el relacionado con el registro de la Federación Interamericana en Costa Rica, a fin de formalizar su funcionamiento legal, conforme las resoluciones adoptadas en la Asamblea de Quito, el año

and by directors Aldo Samamé, Yigal Nathaniel and Prakob Chirakiti, as well as by Miss Kelly Ong.

In his address, the FIP President mentioned the fundamental work areas for both federations, particularly the need to promote the participation of collections from the Americas in the next FIP exhibitions, because the higher number of collections will allow for a greater selection of jury members from the FIAF area for these events.

The FIAF Assembly then moved to honor the distinguished philatelists from the Americas who passed since the last Assembly meeting in Córdoba (Argentina), in 2016, by observing a minute of silence in their memory, for the life and work of Juan Bosco Oberti, John Leo Harris, Guillermo Peña Andrade, Ernesto Zicari and Abraham Gelber.

A particularly important theme that was dealt with in the Assembly was that of the registration of the Inter American Federation in Costa Rica, in order to formalize its legal status, according to the resolutions adopted during the Quito Assembly in 2015. Alfonso Molina, delegate from Costa Rica, reported that the inscription was finally successful, after a long legal process, which



fl. Juan Pablo Aguilar, José Raúl Lorenzo, Yamil Kouri, Luis Claudio Fritzen, Charles Verge, Heinz Junge, Alfonso Molina

2015. Alfonso Molina, delegado de Costa Rica, informó sobre el éxito de las gestiones y la realización efectiva de la inscripción, luego de un largo trámite legal, lo que permite a la FIAF contar con una personalidad jurídica plenamente registrada en Costa Rica, y con un nuevo domicilio legal en la capital de ese país.

Precisamente como consecuencia de esto, fue necesario modificar, lo que se hizo en la Asamblea, los estatutos de la Federación, a fin de que se establezca en ellos el traslado de su sede social, desde Bogotá a San José. Se designó también una comisión, integrada por

makes the FIAF a properly registered legal entity in Costa Rica, with a new legal residence in this country's capital.

As a direct consequence of this, it became necessary to change the Federation's bylaws and move the legal residence from Bogota to San Jose, which was done in the Assembly. Also, a commission was appointed to draft new bylaws to be presented at the next Assembly, formed by Martha Villarroel de Peredo, Miguel Casielles, Alfonso Molina and Paul Novoa, that make the social regulations compliant with the requirements of the Costa Rican legal system.

Martha Villarroel de Peredo, Miguel Casielles, Alfonso Molina y Paul Novoa, para preparar un nuevo proyecto de estatutos que pueda ser conocido en la próxima Asamblea y que adapte las regulaciones sociales, a las exigencias de la legislación costarricense.

La Asamblea escuchó y aprobó los informes del Consejo Ejecutivo de la Federación y las de los presidentes de las comisiones especializadas y, una vez que se siguió el procedimiento reglamentario establecido y se contó con el informe del jurado designado para el efecto, se adjudicó el premio de literatura filatélica Álvaro Bonilla Lara a los señores Miguel José Casielles, Hugo Javier Lencina y Juan Pablo Miri, autores del Catálogo Especializado de Perforados República Argentina.

Ante la renuncia del presidente Patricio Aguirre Warden, la Asamblea hizo la elección de quien deberá reemplazarlo hasta la conclusión del período, el año 2018. En forma unánime se designó al señor Luis Claudio Fritzen, que venía actuando como presidente encargado.

La Asamblea aprobó otorgar su auspicio a tres exposiciones y un congreso filatélico. Las primeras son las que se realizarán en Lima durante la segunda semana de septiembre de 2018, en Santiago de Chile en octubre de 2018 y en Buenos Aires en marzo o abril de 2019; en principio, se trata de exposiciones continentales, si bien la de Santiago de Chile tendrá como participante invitado a Australia. La Asamblea ratificó además su auspicio al Tercer Congreso de Filatelia Temática, que se desarrollará en el año 2018, en una fecha por definir.

La Asamblea se cerró luego de definir, como sede de la próxima reunión continental, a Santiago de Chile, en el marco de la Quinta Exposición Filatélica del Pacífico Sur, en octubre de 2018.

The Assembly listened to and approved the reports of the Federation's Executive Council and of the presidents of the specialized commissions, and after following the process established by the regulations and reading the report of the designated jury, the Álvaro Bonilla Lara philatelic literature award was given to Miguel José Casielles, Hugo Javier Lencina and Juan Pablo Miri, authors of the Catálogo Especializado de Perforados República Argentina.

Following the resignation of President Patricio Aguirre Warden, the Assembly elected his replacement until the end of his term in 2018. By unanimous vote, Mr. Luis Claudio Fritzen, who had been acting President up to that point, was duly elected President.

The Assembly approved granting its sponsorship to three exhibitions and a philatelic congress. The first ones will take place in Lima during the second week of September 2018, in Santiago de Chile in October 2018 and in Buenos Aires in March or April 2019. In principle, these are continental exhibitions, although the one in Santiago de Chile will also invite Australia to participate. The Assembly also ratified its sponsorship of the Third Congress of Thematic Philately, which will take place in 2018, at a time to be determined, in Colombia.

The Assembly came to a conclusion after deciding to hold its next continental meeting in Santiago de Chile, during the Fifth Philatelic Exhibition of the South Pacific in October 2018.

Newly Elected Presidents of The Associate Members

We are pleased to announce the newly elected Presidents of the Federación Inter-Americana de Filatelia (FIAF) and Federation of Inter-Asian Philately:



*Mr Luis Claudio Fritzen,
newly elected President of FIAF*



*Dr Prakob Chirakiti,
newly elected President of FIAP*

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 21st FIAP CONGRESS - 6 AUGUST 2017

During BANDUNG 2017 the 21st FIAP Congress was held on August 6th, 2017.



f.l. sitting: Ms Pan Yonghua (China), Mr Gary Brown (Australia), Mr Michael Ho (Chinese Taipei), Mr Tay Peng Hian (Singapore), Mr William Kwan (Hong Kong), Mr R. Soyeono (Indonesia)

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The following decisions were taken at the Congress:

- Approval of FIAP Asian International Stamp Exhibitions for MACAO 2018, TAIPEI 2020 and NEW ZEALAND 2020
- Approval of FIAP Auspices for THAILAND 2018, CHINA 2019 and SOUTH AFRICA 2021
- Election of FIAP Executive Committee Members for term 2017-2021 was carried out with Dr Prakob Chirakiti as the President, Mr Abdulla M T Khoory, Mr Chen Yu-An and Ms Pan Yonghua as the Vice Presidents, Mr Richard Tan as the Secretary General.

Mr Toshimasa Ouhara and Dr Andrew Cheung were proposed to Senior Consultant for a term.

Mr Surajit Gongvatana and Mr Gary Brown were elected as FIAP Honorary Members.

- Appointment of the FIAP Grand Prix Club Office bearers for the term 2017-2019 was carried out with no changes to the office bearers: President: Mr William Kwan, Vice-President: Mr Gary Brown, Secretary: Mr Michael Ho, Assistant Secretary: Mr Prakrit Foongvanich.
- All China Philatelic Federation offered to increase their yearly membership fee to Singapore dollars \$4000

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